

## By the Quene,



Whereas the Quenes Maiestie vpon the earnest intention that shee alwayes had  
 and yet hath, to maintaine the good and auncient amitie betwixt her Maiestie  
 and the kyng of Spayne her good brother, they countrys and subiectes, did by  
 her proclamation in September last past, straughtlye commaunde al her Sub-  
 iectes, tradynge the Seas eyther for syfhyng or marchaundize, to vse their accu-  
 stomed maner without any trouble of the sayd kyng of Spaynes Subiectes, &  
 also in cases nedesfull, to defend them agaynst the French, wherof dyd folowe spe-  
 cially duryng the time of the herring syfhyng, greate quietnes and singuler com-  
 modite to the Subiectes of the sayd Kyng, specially to them of the low countreys, as her Maiestie hath ben cer-  
 taynelye ensoumed, and is therof glad. Yet sithens that time, sundry of the said kynges subiectes for priuate lu-  
 cre, abusyng her Maiesties good intention notified in the sayde proclamation, haue sought to colour the goodes  
 and marchaundise of the French, beyng her Maiesties enemies, both comming out, and passing into Fraunce, as  
 apparauntly hath ben proued in sundry causes duely examined and tryed, and remayning to be shewed. In res-  
 pecte wheroft, certayne of her Maiesties subiectes, which according to their dutties be armed vpon the Seas, to  
 offend the French being enemies, haue ben moxe curios towardes some of the sayd kyng of Spaynes subiectes,  
 in searchyng of the sayd deceiptes of coulouryng of the French goodes, and therpon of late, sundry complayntes  
 haue ben made by certayne of the sayd kynges subiectes, that certayne Englyshe men of warre, beyng vpon the  
 Seas, haue molested them, and in some parte spoyled them. Wheroft her Maiestie hath vpon continuance of her  
 former intention towardes the maintenaunce of good amitie with her sayde good brother the Kyng of Spaine  
 and his subiectes, appoynted specyall Commissioners of trust, to haue an extraordynary power and auctorite,  
 to heare, and spedelye to determine and redresse all such complayntes, without delay of processe, and with moxe  
 celerite then is administered to any of her own naturall subiects. In which proceding, although her Maiestie un-  
 derstandeth, that her sayde good brothers subiectes receave much satisfaction: yet for that the number of her sub-  
 iectes and shippes of warre, that are presently vpon the Seas, & are likely to go to the Seas this spryng, to the  
 offence of the French, are so great and many, and of so diuers porche Townes and Countreyes, as it appeareth  
 very harde, howe a good accompynement may be made of euerye of them beyng so manye, speciallye consyderynge the  
 daylye coulouryng of the frenche wares by the sayde kynges Subiectes encreaseth manysellie.  
 Therefore her Maiestie syll persellyng in her former sauour towardes her sayde good brothers subiectes, and to  
 withstande all disorders against her other frendes, hath for some moxe surety towardes them, thought meete by  
 aduise of her counsayle, to prouide as foloweth, which is as much as can be devised. First, her Maiestie straightly  
 chargeþ and commaundeth all maner her subiectes, that shall perceave eyther on the Seas, or in any Port, Ha-  
 uen, or Creke of this Realme, or in the Realm of Ireland, any person that may be suspected by any lykely meane,  
 to haue hurt or endamaged any subiect of the kyng of Spayne, or that shall haue any goodes or marchandise,  
 that shall seeme to haue ben taken from any of the sayd kynges subiectes, during these warres with Fraunce, that  
 they and euery of them, shall employ themselves to the best of their power, to apprehend or cause to be apprehen-  
 ded the persons, so suspected to haue offended: for the which their doynges, they shall haue conuenient reward.  
 And if any shyp shall come into any port, wheroft there shalbe any suspition, that the owners or occupiers ther-  
 of haue damaged any of the sayd kynges subiectes: the Viseadmirall of that coast, or the Maior, or other head  
 officer there, in the absence of the Viseadmirall, shal cause the sayd vessell, and the persons therin suspected, to be  
 stayed, upon payne if they shall be therin negligent, to be punyshed, as abettours to the offendours, and therof  
 and of the profes or causes of suspition, shall immediately geue knowledge, to the Commissioners appoynted for  
 those causes of depredations, that immediat order be taken for tryall of the facte, accordyng to the tenour of their  
 commyssyon.

Furthermore her Maiestie, willeþ and commaundeth, that no shyppe or vessell arméd for the warre, that shall

come into any port or creeke of this Realme, after the publication hereof, shall be fforbed to depart to the ffeare, bntyll the owner, capayne, master, or such persons as haue to commande the sayd shipp or bessell, shall geve good assurance by sufficient sureties to the wisedmirell of the coaste, or if he shall not be redy found, then to the principall officer of the port, where the shipp or bessell shalbe, or otherwyse as the court of the admiraltey shal prescribe, and shalbe made in those cases, that they shalbe amyswerable in fowerne of Justice, to satisfie such complaynantes and informations, as he, or shalbe exhibited agaynst them, for spyking and offendyng the subiectes of the sayde kyng of Spayne, or of any other nation beyng in amittie with her Maiestie. And if the partyes can not, or wyl not geue such assurance: then the shippes shall not be fforbed to depart to the ffeare, but knowledge shalbe givene therof to the foresayde Commissioners. And if the partyes refusyng to geue assurance of suffici-ent sureties, shalbe seeme to be suspected that they haue not behaued them selues well towrades her Maiesties frendes, they shall also be stayed, bntyll the foresayde Commissioners shalbe determine therof.

And because of late some complaynantes haue ben made by certayne Scottylond men in generalitie, agaynst some Englyssh men of warre, for empyll byng of them vpon the ffeare, wherein particuler orders are alredy geuen for tryall and redresse of the same: Her Maiestie wylleth, that such care be had of the well byng of the subiectes of her good syder the Quene of Scottes, as the great amittie betwixt they two Maiesties, and they countrys and people, doth necessaryly requyre. For that her Maiestie woulde haue nothyng omitted on her parte, that myght conserue, and encrease the same.

Beven at her Maiesties Castle of Weyndsof the xviii. day of February, in the sixt yere of her highnes raigne.  
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*God save the Quene.*

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